

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with an Appeal Brief in this case which appeals the rejection of claims 10, 12-20, 29-45, 48-49, 52-53, 55-56 and 59-60. In the Office Action, the Examiner has pointed out an antecedent basis problem with respect to claim 29 which has been corrected by the aforementioned amendments to claim 29.

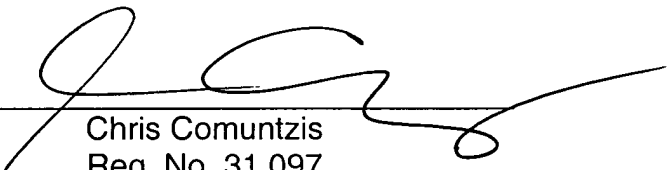
These amendments to claim 29 have been made to limit and reduce the number of issues on appeal. Accordingly, these amendments should be entered into the case for purposes of Applicants' appeal. Please note, that Applicants are traversing the Examiner's other rejections of claims 10, 12-20 and 29-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as detailed in the concurrently filed Appeal Brief.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the Amendments to claim 29 in order to better place this application in condition for the appeal which as noted above is being concurrently filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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